

REMARKS

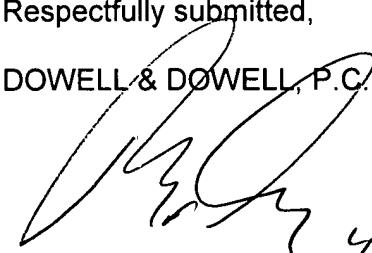
The Examiner alleges the claims are directed to more than one species of the generic invention and has requested the applicant to elect a single species to which the claims should be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In this regard, applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group I, in particular claims 1-22, 27, 33, 37, 39 and 47. Applicant traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement on the basis that the groups of claims contained in this application are so closely related that it would be reasonable to expect that in searching for prior art related to the first group, the Examiner would be exposed to the other groups and therefore the Examiner would not be subjected to an undue burden in searching.

Applicant respectfully requests further favorable consideration of the application.

Small Entity status has already been established.

Respectfully submitted,

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